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To whom it may concern,

The proposed settlement with Microsoft provides no credible relief from Microsoft's anti-competitive practices. The newest release of the Windows operating system violates the terms of earlier agreements with the Department of Justice, also.

Microsoft and its allies have damaged and defeated any credible attempt at competition in the desktop operating system market. Through other unfair practices progress and growth of the computer software industry has been severely stunted with significant negative effects on the US economy.

Microsoft has become too powerful and is clearly too unscrupulous to be rendered harmless as long as it stays a single company. Not only would a broken up Microsoft relieve the problem to our industry, it would probably reward Microsoft stockholders with increased value. It could be a win-win. The current proposed settlement is at best win-lose - a win for Bill Gates and a loss to the American people whose rights are entrusted to the care of the US Department of Justice.

Sincerely,

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